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E.O. 12065: GDS 06-18-88 (LISSFELT, MARK C.) OR-P
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SUBJECT: AFGHANISTAN: BUNDESTAG RESOLUTION, YUSSOF LETTERS
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1. (C) THE GERMAN BUNDESTAG ON JUNE 9 UNANIMOUSLY
ADOPTED A JOINT RESOLUTION (SEE TEXT IN PARA 6, BELOW)
ON AFGHANISTAN WHICH, IN ADDITION TO CALLING FOR THE
WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET OCCUPYING FORCES, REAFFIRMED
SUPPORT OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL DECLARATION OF JUNE 20,
1981 WHICH CALLS FOR A POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM
OF AFGHANISTAN. THE RESOLUTION FURTHER REQUESTED THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO SUPPORT "AFGHAN REFUGEES AND
FREEDOM FIGHTERS" BY GRANTING THEM HUMANITARIAN AID
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AND URGED THAT EFFORTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
OF THE RED CROSS BE ALLOWED TO RESUME UNHINDERED IN
AFGHANISTAN.

2. (C) THIS RESOLUTION COMPLETES ACTION BEGUN MARCH 11
WHEN THE BUNDESTAG CONVENED TO DISCUSS AFGHANISTAN AS
PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATION OF "AFGHANISTAN
DAY." AT THAT TIME THE GOVERNING COALITION PARTIES
AND THE OPPOSITION EACH PROPOSED A RESOLUTION. THESE

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DRAFT RESOLUTIONS WERE REFERRED TO THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WHICH PRODUCED THE COMMON ONE PASSED JUNE 9.

3. (C) GENERAL DEBATE ON THE RESOLUTION IN THE BUNDESTAG THAT DAY FOLLOWED STANDARD LINES. IT IS NOTEWORTHY, HOWEVER, THAT FDP FOREIGN POLICY SPOKESMAN MOELLEMANN, IN HIS REMARKS, HINTED AT POSSIBLE MILITARY SUPPORT FOR THE AFGHAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS IF HUMANITARIAN AID AND INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS FAIL TO OBTAIN THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET TROOPS.

4(C) PASSAGE OF THE RESOLUTION CLOSELY FOLLOWED CRITICISM OF AN ALLEGED DECLINE IN WEST GERMAN ATTENTION TO THE SITUATION OF AFGHANISTAN. FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG ON JUNE 6, 1982 CITED A FORMER UN PRESIDENT AND AFGHAN DIPLOMAT, PRESUMABLY AMBASSADOR PAZHWAQ, AS EXPRESSING HIS DISMAY UPON VISITING THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AT THE WIDESPREAD IGNORANCE OF THE WEST GERMAN PEOPLE ON THE SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN. PAZHWAQ, ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, CRITICIZED THE LACK OF FRG MEDIA COVERAGE ON THIS ISSUE AT A TIME WHEN SOVIET PRESSURE AGAINST RESISTANCE FORCES IS INCREASING. PAZHWAQ REMARKED THAT SUCH MEDIA FOCUS WAS THE VERY LEAST THE FRG COULD
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CONTRIBUTE TO THE AFGHAN CAUSE. CITING THE PRESENCE OF FRENCH MEDICAL TEAMS IN AFGHANISTAN, THE ARTICLE SAID PAZHWAQ FURTHER QUESTIONED THE FRG'S INABILITY TO PROVIDE COMPARABLE SUPPORT, STATING THAT MILITARY AID WAS NOT THE SOLE REQUEST OF THE RESISTANCE FORCES. (COMMENT: THE FRG HAS PROVIDED CONSIDERABLE MEDICAL AND OTHER ASSISTANCE TO AFGHAN REFUGEES WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT MUCH OF IT GOES INTO AFGHANISTAN AS WELL. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY FRG PERSONNEL IN AFGHANISTAN ITSELF. END COMMENT.)

5. (C) SUBSEQUENTLY, FORMER AFGHAN PREMIER MOHAMMED YUSSOF, WHO NOW RESIDES IN THE FRG, PUBLISHED IN DIE WELT AN OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT REAGAN AND ONE TO PRESIDENT BREZHNEV CONDEMNING THE SOVIET AGGRESSION, CALLING FOR SOVIET WITHDRAWAL, AND URGING THE U.S. TO EXERT PRESSURE ON THE SOVIETS TO THIS END. (WE ARE SENDING TEXTS OF BOTH LETTERS SEPARATELY.)

6. (U) TEXT OF BUNDESTAG RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION ON AFGHANISTAN ADOPTED BY THE GERMAN BUNDESTAG ON 9 JUNE 1982

1. THE GERMAN BUNDESTAG IS FOLLOWING WITH CONCERN THE

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CONTINUING WAR BEING WAGED BY THE SOVIET SUPERPOWER
AGAINST THE AFGHAN PEOPLE. IT RECALLS THE RESOLUTIONS
ON AFGHANISTAN ADOPTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS ON 14 JANUARY
1980, 20 NOVEMBER 1980 AND 18 NOVEMBER 1981.

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- THE 3RD ISLAMIC CONFERENCE FROM 25 TO 28 JANUARY 1981,
- THE CONFERENCE OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT FROM 9 TO 13 FEBRUARY 1981,
- THE COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE FROM 30 SEPTEMBER TO 7 OCTOBER 1981, AND

THE RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE IPU,

WHICH CLEARLY REFLECT INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION THAT THE SOVIET INTERVENTION IN AFGHANISTAN IS UNACCEPTABLE. THE OCCUPATION OF AFGHANISTAN BY SOVIET TROOPS IS NOT ONLY A VIOLATION OF EXISTING RULES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW BUT ALSO A SEVERE BLOW TO THE POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT.
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THE GERMAN BUNDESTAG HOLDS THE VIEW THAT THE CONTINUING OCCUPATION OF AFGHANISTAN IS ONE OF THE MAIN CAUSES OF THE PERSISTENT TENSIONS IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS.

2. WITH EACH PASSING DAY THE AFGHAN PEOPLE SUSTAIN HEAVY CASUALTIES. AN END TO THIS SUFFERING IS POSSIBLE ONLY IF THE SOVIET TROOPS LEAVE THE COUNTRY SO THAT THE EXTERNAL INTERFERENCE IS TERMINATED AND

AFGHANISTAN CAN REGAIN ITS INDEPENDENCE AND NON-ALIGNED STATUS. THE GERMAN BUNDESTAG THEREFORE SUPPORTS IN PARTICULAR THE DECLARATION BY THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL OF 20 JUNE 1981 WHICH ATTEMPTS TO OPEN THE WAY TO A POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF AFGHANISTAN. AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, WHICH COULD BE HELD IN TWO STAGES, REMAINS A VIABLE MEANS OF ARRIVING AT A POLITICAL SOLUTION WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL THE POLITICAL FORCES IN AFGHANISTAN.

3. THE GERMAN BUNDESTAG APPEALS TO THE SOVIET LEADERS NOT TO OPPOSE ANY LONGER THE DEMAND OF THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, TO WITHDRAW THEIR TROOPS AND TO SEEK A LASTING SOLUTION BY WAY OF NEGOTIATION. RESTORATION OF SELF-DETERMINATION FOR THE AFGHAN PEOPLE IS A DECISIVE CONTRIBUTION TO INTERNATIONAL DETENTE AND THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE.

4. THE GERMAN BUNDESTAG CALLS UPON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO

(A) SUPPORT THE AFGHAN REFUGEES AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS BY GRANTING THEM HUMANITARIAN AID, ESPECIALLY FOOD AND MEDICAMENTS.

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(B) URGE STRONGLY THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS BE ALLOWED TO RESUME WITHOUT HINDRANCE ITS WORK IN AFGHANISTAN. END TEXT. BURNS

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